



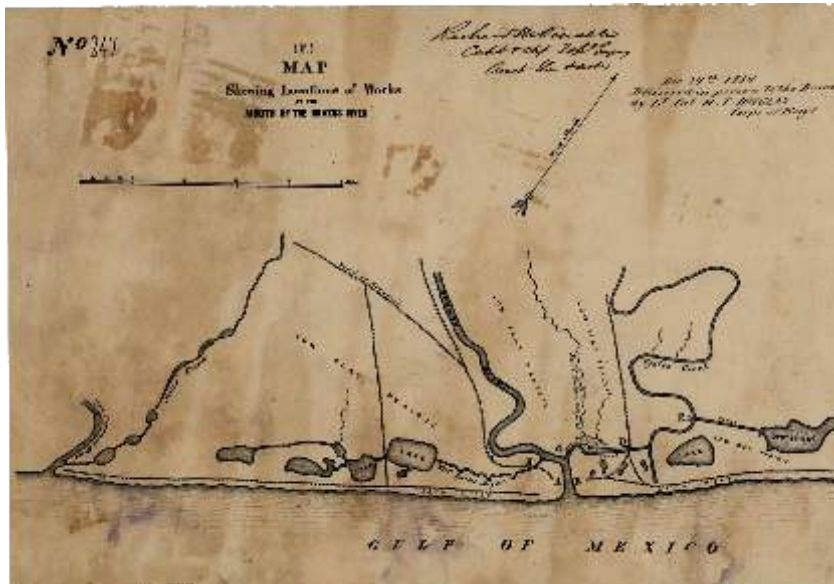
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Guarding the Coast

During the American Civil War, forts were established along the Texas Gulf Coast. They were designed to protect blockade runners and southern ports from Union Forces.

Confederate Captain Julius Getulius Kellersberger, a native of Switzerland, was responsible for the design and construction of many of the forts along the Texas Gulf Coast.



“The patriot who on the tented field gallantly braves danger, disease and death for his country’s cause and his country’s good, never loses sight of his ‘girls’ at home and when it so happens that his line of communication is interrupted, confusion and discontent similar to that which issues (sic) upon the successful execution of a ‘flank movement’ by a wily General, invariably arises.”

Dr. Thomas B. Grayson, Timmons” Regiment CSA
Fort Randall- Mud Island, Texas September 23, 1864
Letter to wife, Carrie



Attention Militia.
The militia of the Columbia Beat are hereby ordered to meet in Columbia on Saturday next.

All who are not members of other companies belong to the militia.

By order of the Captain.
Oct. 22 1861. O. C. PHELPS.

Attention Dragoons!
The Columbia Light Dragoons are requested to meet in this town on Saturday next. By order of Lieut. Tillman.
Oct. 22 1861 A. McCLOY, O. S.

Recruits Wanted.

Recruits are wanted for immediate service in the Confederate Army, to serve in a company of Flying Artillery, at Velasco. Each man will provide his own horse, and such arms as he has, at least two suits of winter clothing, and a pair of blankets. Apply at Columbia, Brazoria county, to Capt. W. G. Mosely, or to Lieuts. H. P. Gayce and J. H. Dance.

Local citizens were recruited to serve not only abroad, but also in local forts and as mobile units.